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Homosexuals Seek Session With Landrieu

Members of the Gay Liberation Front today attempted to meet with Mayor Moon Landrieu today but the mayor's schedule delayed any such confrontation.

Members of the recently organized GLF in New Orleans picketed City Hall at noon and said they would continue to do so until a meeting with the mayor was granted. Spokesmen were optimistic about seeing the mayor and said they are hopeful of gaining "liberation" for what they said are the city's more than 75,000 homosexuals.

THE GROUP began picketing Saturday and today some 20 members carried signs while office workers strolling to and from lunch gathered around them.

Signs carried slogans such as "Live the Life You Love," "No More Police Prosecution of Gays" and "We Are Homosexuals and Proud."

Several women were in the group. Some of the men were in loud garb and drinking carrot juice while others were dressed in conventional clothing.

One of the leaders, the Rev. David Solomon, identified himself as a Pentecostal minister and led the march carrying a Bible.

"Other groups with legal and political weight have come to us to help," he stated. He said one of the groups offering legal help is the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Rev. Philip Schmidt, who identified himself as a Bodhi Sala minister and chairman of the New Orleans GLF, said that until the late 1950s New Orleans was "a great gay Mecca." Since then, he claimed laws have tightened against homosexuals, creating a "period of intense suppression."